GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 918 Dated: 26-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB vide letter C.No.42/DES-VKI/2020-S.9, dt.19.01.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB vide letter RC.No.42/DES-VKI/2020-S.9, dt.05.07.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.287, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:26.08.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for indulging in corrupt practices while discharging his duties while Surprise Check was conducted on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District
through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VEMURI SAI MAHESH BABU, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, THOTLAVALLURU MANDAL, THOTLAVALLURU.

That Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu, S/o Venkata Subba Rao, (herein after referred as Government Servant) worked as Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru since 27.06.2018. While working as Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru during the period from 27.06.2018 to 24.01.2020 he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I:-

That Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu failed to maintain Personal cash declaration register and Mandal-17 register volume-III (E-Pass book register) with Revenue Inspector (SO-3).

CHARGE-II:-

That Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu failed to exercise general control and supervision over the Mandal Revenue Inspector, VROs, VRAs and other subordinate staff working at Mandal level.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant violated Rule 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VEMURI SAI MAHESH BABU, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, THOTLAVALLURU MANDAL, THOTLAVALLURU.

That Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu, S/o Venkata Subba Rao, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru. His date of birth is 09.08.1978. He entered into Government service on 04.07.1999 as Junior Assistant and worked in the same capacity at various places of Krishna District, after he was promoted as Senior Assistant on 23.10.2006 and worked in the same capacity at various places of Krishna District. He was promoted as Deputy Tahsildar on 24.11.2013. His basic pay is Rs. 38130/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2038. He is here-in-after referred as Government Servant or GS.

CHARGE-I:-

That Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu failed to maintain Personal cash declaration register and Mandal-17 register volume-III (E-Pass book register) with Revenue Inspector (SO-3).

Facts and Evidence:-

This is proved from the following evidence.

The Inspector asked the Tahsildar when conduct surprise check at O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru on 24.01.2020 about the personal cash register, he stated that he has not been maintaining personal cash register in the office.

On the request of the Inspector, ACB, the Tahsildar produced the following Record.

Mandal-17 Register Volume-III (E-Pass Book Register)

As per the register total 1204 Pattadar Pass Books were noted down in the Register but about 89 Signatures of the farmers/Pattadars were not found at several places against their names i.e., at Page No. 3 to 87 Sl.No.1108, 1109 and 1193, etc., When the Inspector asked the Tahsildar about the absence of the signatures of the applicants, he stated that sometimes group of people come to the office and collect the Pass books from the concerned clerk and leave the office in a hurry manner without signing in the register. Thus the SO-1 to 3 failed to get the signatures of the farmers after taking their pattadar passbooks. The Register is being maintained by SO-3.

During the enquiry, the Inspector, ACB examined Smt. Motakatla Kusuma Kumari, W/o Sidde Chandra Sekhar, Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal.

On examination she stated that the Deputy Tahsildar Sri Vemui Sai Mahesh shall maintain personal cash declaration Register in Tahsildar Office and Mandal Form 17 Register shall maintain by the Senior Assistant/Mandal Revenue Inspector.

Hence, the Government Servant Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu failed to maintain Personal cash declaration register and Mandal-17 register volume-III (E-Pass book register) with Revenue Inspector (SO-3).

CHARGE-II:-

That Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu failed to exercise general control and supervision over the Mandal Revenue Inspector, VROs, VRAs and other subordinate staff working at Mandal level.

Facts and Evidence:-

This is proved from the following evidence:

During the enquiry, the Inspector, ACB examined Smt. Motakatla Kusuma Kumari, W/o Sidde Chandra Sekhar, Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal.

On examination she stated that as per the existing guidelines of the Government, Deputy Tahsildar shall assist the Tahsildar in the Administrative matters and shall exercise general control and supervision over the RI, VRO, VRA and other office staff.

Hence, the Government Servant Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu failed to exercise general control and supervision over the Mandal Revenue Inspector, VROs, VRAs and other subordinate staff working at Mandal level.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu, Deputy Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant violated Rule 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

ORAL EVIDENCE

The following oral evidence is available on record.

S. No.	Name and address of witness	Gist of the statement
1.	Sri Ponna Satyanarayana S/o Late Venkaiah 49 Years, Deputy Asst. Commissioner (State Tax), Gudivada Circle O/o Asst. Commissioner, Gudivada Circle, Gudivada R/o Door No.76-16-184, Ekalaya Nagar, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. 9989334629. (Mediator-1)	Both the mediators who witnessed the surprise check held on 28.08.2020 at O/o Tahsildar, Vijayawada North Mandal, Vijayawada. They speak about the facts of mediators report and etc., facts.
2.	Sri Katta Srinivasa Rao S/o Pedavenkata Swamy, 45 Years, Senior Asst. O/o Asst. Commissioner, Gudivada Circle, Gudivada R/o Door No.58-4-6A, P.S Rao Residency, Patamata, Vijayawada 9440923629. (Mediator-2)	
3.	Smt. Motakatla Kusuma Kumari, W/o Sidde Chandra Sekhar, Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District, R/o Flat No. 403, C-Block, Samrudhi Nexa, Tadepalli, Guntur District. 9849904000, 9492921532.	On examination she stated that she is working as Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru since 08.06.2023. Further she stated that, during the surprise check conducted on 24.01.2020 in the Office of Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru in the presence of Mediators, mentioned irregularities found by the ACB Authorities, whose responsible for the said irregularity and etc facts.
4.	Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, the then Inspector-II, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	Speaks about the Surprise check conducted over the O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru on 24.01.2020. Further obtained replies from O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru and etc facts.
5.	Sri A.V.Siva Kumar, Inspector-II, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	Speaks about conducting further enquiry, recorded the statement of the Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru and etc facts.

6.	Sri G.V.V. Satyanarayana, Inspector-II, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	Speaks about preparing of Draft Articles of Charge against the SO and etc facts.

If any witness found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE - IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

The following documentary evidence is available on record.

S. No.	Name of document	Gist of the statement
1.	Surprise check proceedings drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District dated. 24/25.01.2020.	It proves that staff of O/o Tahsildar possess excess cash, seizure of documents, registers, non-maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and finding other deviations etc.
2.	Attested copy of Mandal-17 Register Volume-III (E-Pass Book Register):	It proves that SOs.1 to 3 failed to get signatures of about 89 farmers in the register.
3.	Proceedings of the Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru in Rc. C/1/2019, Dated: 23.12.2019:	It proves that distribution of work among the staff members of Tahsildar office, Thotlavalluru.
4.	Job Chart of Tahsildars as per G.O. Ms. No. 3 Revenue (Ser.III) Department, Dated: 05.01.1990 & G.O. Ms. No. 20 Revenue (Ser.II) Department, Dated: 21.01.2016 of Govt. of AP.	Duties and responsibilities of the Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar and Mandal Revenue Inspector and etc facts.

If any documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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